GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5061
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR GROUP D POSTS .
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South-Eastern Railway had issuedan order for production of Certificate of Class 8th pass, from recognized school in case of Group-D employees;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the earlier order as well as practice prevalent in the Government Department have been changed;

(c) whether any recruitment in Group-D by entertaining the certificate of un-recognised schools has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5061 BY SHRIMATI MINATI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2000 REGARDING EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR GROUP 'D' POSTS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Educational qualification for appointment to Group 'D' posts in all categories and Departments of the Indian Railways has been prescribed as class VIII pass since December 1998.While laying down this qualification, it was not specified by the Ministry of Railways that the class VIII pass certificate should be only from an institution recognised by the Government.

South Eastern Railway had initially issued instructions tothe concerned authorities on that Railway, that class VIIIpass school certificates issued by un-recognised schools should not be treated as authentic. These instructions had been issued by the South Eastern Railway in orderto be sure of the genuineness of the certificates. However, as a large number of schools in rural areas function without recognition and candidates who were from such schools would have been put to a disadvantage, it was subsequently clarified by South EasternRailwaythat the genuineness of the educational qualification of a prospective candidate could be established by verifying the existence of the un-recognised school and an enquiry into the standard of education of the said school.